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Baby is safe in ONEG's PLAYPEN

Marginal Column

By DAVID VITAL

GENERAL de Gaulle's decision to withdraw his Rally of the French People from the parliamentary arena was probably less due to the impression the Rally's defeat in the recent municipal elections must have made on him than to a growing belief that he had struck out on the wrong line. He certainly regards the Rally — if not himself — as the custodian of the dignity and honour of France and its increasing vulnerability to the pressures of French parliamentary life, which it was its avowed intention to cleanse out of recognition, must have pained him. It would be natural that out of the accumulating wreckage the General should want to save at least the essential spirit of the Rally: a puritanical dislike of the Republic.

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BUT this is now a less popular attitude than it once was. No great domestic peril comparable to that of 1947, when Communist-led syndicalism was very nearly in full rebellion against the Government, now looms. Foreign issues, even the question of the absorption of the French Army into a European one, can never produce as much concern — as distinct from heat — in a France where the middle class and the peasantry still dominate. So if the Rally is to keep true to its high purpose its best course would be to keep clear of the petty and strictly political issues in which its presence in the Palais Bourbon must necessarily involve it. So the General seems to have decided. And in so doing he has, to all intents and purposes, completed a long chapter of French political life.

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ONE of the major causes of the permanent parliamentary crisis in the Third Republic was the fact that the Right could not be drawn upon when cabinets were a-making. It had proclaimed its anti-Republican intentions too often and was held in too great suspicion by the rest. Thus so far as its principal function was concerned the effective Chamber was far smaller than its physical size suggested. Hence the confusion between the Left of the mere Republicans and the social Left—the SFIO and Communists; hence the varieties of "Radicals" who were merely bourgeois leaders of small shopkeepers and peasants; and hence the general confusion of politics by the elemental question of the Republic itself being superimposed on the normal run of issues—the Church, syndicalism, taxation and all the others. Lacking a respectable Right, conservatism was transmuted into reaction and while Breton deputies entertained themselves with dreams of a return to the Old Order genuine right-wingers, like Daladier and Doumergue and Herriot, were forced to masquerade as men of the Left.

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AFTER the war, and after Vichy and the disgrace of the traditional Right, the RPF took over the function of a political party dedicated to the fundamental revision of the constitutional framework in which it itself operated. This is now ended. It is far too early to attempt to say what the General's next step may be. But the one he has now taken is surely going to have a salutary effect upon French parliamentary life. The RPF Deputies and Senators will now be free to weigh issues on their own merits and participate in the formation of governments. The way out of the rut of making and re-making a Cabinet which essentially does not change is thus a little clearer. Were the great bloc of the anti-Republican Left, the Communists, to go too, the road would be still easier to travel. But it is too much to hope for that, for a long while.

Jerusalem, May 10.

LONDON—BEIRUT: 5¼ hrs.

BEIRUT, Saturday (Reuter).— A Royal Canadian Air Force Comet flew non-stop today from London to Beirut in five hours 15 minutes—an unofficial record for the 3,700 kilometre flight.

West Asks Communist Korea Offer Clarified

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles said today that the U.S. and U.N. Allies had reached general agreement that several points of the new Communist Korean peace proposals needed to be clarified and perhaps modified.

Mr. Dulles told a news conference that the Communist proposals were discussed on Thursday at a White House conference and again by President Eisenhower and himself yesterday. He declined to specify what points were objected to.

Mr. Dulles said there was nothing new in the Communist nomination of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland to the commission to supervise repatriation of war prisoners. He noted that the U.N. resolution of last October specifically named these four to serve as neutrals. The Communist eight point proposal added India as a fifth neutral country. Mr. Dulles did not say whether this was satisfactory.

Responding to questions on other foreign issues, the Secretary of State said: First, France feels that there would be no advantage in an appeal to the U.N. on Laos, but views are still being exchanged with the French and the three Indo-Chinese States on this possibility. Such an appeal could be made by Thailand, and the U.S. has already said it would look with sympathy on this action. Mr. Dulles said there had been an act of aggression by the Communists against Laos and a threat of war against Thailand.

No Pressure

Secondly, the U.S. is under no pressure from its Allies to accept the Communist proposals on Korea.

Thirdly, the Panmunjom negotiations do not involve the issue of admitting Communist China to the United Nations.

Fourthly, the U.S., Britain and France have reached a general agreement it would be desirable to reopen negotiations with the U.S.S.R. on a state treaty for Austria. Broadly speaking, he said, the West wants to implement the "deeds not words" slogan of President Eisenhower and bring the issue to a head with Moscow. However, that is as far as discussions have reached with Britain and France at the moment, he added.

Mr. Dulles opened the news conference by reading a prepared statement dealing with the Communist invasion of Laos. He said the Eisenhower Administration had put into effect within hours decisions to speed new aid to Indo-China to help the defence of Laos, and to fly small arms and ammunition to threatened Thailand. In connection with the latest Indo-China news, Mr. Dulles said transport planes which were rushed to Hanoi were piloted by American civil aviation fliers, commercially employed in the Far East. The French Government hired them and the U.S. Government has no responsibility for them, he said.

U.N. Wants More Details on Plan

PANMUNJOM, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.N. today asked the Communists for a much more detailed explanation about the eight-point proposal for dealing with prisoners of war who refuse to return to their homelands.

In a 32-minute armistice session in Panmunjom Lt.-Gen. William Harrison, the chief Allied delegate, did not formally reject any of the Communist proposals for solving this issue, the only problem holding up an armistice in Korea. He told them their proposal to put the prisoners in the custody of five neutral nations instead of one, as he had proposed, "complicated the whole problem."

The Communist plan handed over on Thursday provided for a neutral commission of five — Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Sweden and India — to take charge of rpisoners on Korean soil. They had earlier demanded that the prisoners be taken out of Korea. Prisoners still refusing repatriation would have their future settled by a high level political conference to follow a Korean armistice.

Gen. Harrison asked the Communists today if agreement on their plan would not mean "to defer the final solution of the prisoners of war question until some later date." He said the Communist proposals left many points to be answered. For instance, would the neutral commission make a decision on a majority vote or would there be a veto?

Gen. Harrison said: "In paragraph three of your recent proposal you state the neutral nation repatriation commission shall have authority to exercise its legitimate functions of responsibility for the control of prisoners of war under its temporary jurisdiction. In order to secure effective execution of this authority the member nations of the neutral nations repatriation commission shall each provide an equal number of armed forces.

"What do you mean by legitimate functions and responsibility? What do they include?

"What type of armed forces do you have in mind? In other words, will these military forces be military, police, armed civilian personnel, an infantry force or a combination of civilian and military police?

"How do you consider these camps will be adjusted to the possible difference among troop components at the camp?

"As for supplies for the prisoners, how are they to be accomplished? Would each side send food and supplies to its prisoners in the custody of a neutral? How could they do it?

"What are your views as to the languages which should be used by the neutral nations repatriation commission and its subordinate agencies, particularly in their relations with the prisoners themselves? It appears to us that your proposal has complicated the whole problem by requiring the use of at least seven different languages in the prisoner of war camps and the military control force."

Gen. Harrison told correspondents later that the questions were asked solely for explanation. "We have nothing fixed on this matter. I am just probing for facts."

Argentine Police Say Attempt On Peron Foiled

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday. — Police foiled an attempt on the life of President Juan Peron, planned for his coming visit to the seaside resort of Mar del Plata, according to reports today in the Peronist newspapers "Democracia" and "El Lider."

Twenty people were arrested when police, hunting terrorists responsible for the recent bomb incidents, came across a vast cache of rifles and ammunition being prepared near Mar del Plata.

The latest act of terrorism occurred early yesterday in a Buenos Aires suburb when a bomb exploded injuring three people and smashing windowpanes over a wide area.

Meanwhile, the Congress today voted to investigate foreign news agencies. The Ministry of Communications advised the United Press yesterday that it was cutting off transmission of this agency's service to client newspapers in the interior.

(In Washington today Secretary of State Dulles told a press conference that representations would be made by the U.S. to the Argentine Government as they seem necessary.)

Action against American news associations came after President Peron's attack against them in his May Day speech, when he accused them of abandoning their studied prudence towards Argentina "to launch openly the most infamous campaign of lies in recent times." He asked for a congressional investigation.

Most newspapers stopped running American news agency reports after this speech, and only two or three Buenos Aires foreign-language journals continued to publish their dispatches. Others depended on the services of Reuter and Agence France Presse. (Reuter, AP, UP)

Funds Approved For 200,000 Work-Days

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Credits totalling IL.898,520 to mobilise unemployment relief works in agriculture, industry, building and public works during May and June were approved yesterday by the Employment Department of the Histadrut.

It was estimated that the funds would create 200,000 work-days and would contribute greatly towards easing the unemployment situation.

This was the second grant made by the fund which is a consortium of provident and insurance funds of the various trade unions. The first release, IL.940,000, was made before Passover. It is understood that the fund approves in principle additional credits aggregating IL.2,800,000.

14,000 Jobs

The number of jobs to be created as a result of the Knesset Finance Committee's approval of the expenditure of IL.70m. on account of the current Development Budget, is 14,000, and not 40,000 as reported on Friday.

Rosen Plan May Be Base of Unemp't Loan

The Cabinet is to discuss today the conclusions of the Ministerial Committee on the Unemployment Loan which met on Friday in Tel Aviv to consider particulars of the Loan and methods of implementation, it was announced yesterday.

It was learned in Tel Aviv that a compromise was achieved at the meeting. Its nature has not been divulged, but since Mr. Benzion Argov, the Income Tax Commissioner, was present at the meeting, it is believed that the final compromise will be based on Dr. Rosen's proposal that the necessary funds be provided from a short term loan on the Income Tax payable by instalments over a few years.

Agreement was reached only on the main principles and not on details, it was learned.

Members of the Cabinet present at the meeting, in addition to Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice, at whose home the Committee met, were: the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, and the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali.

British Labour Claims Big Blow Struck at Tories

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Labour Party claimed today to have dealt a heavy blow to the Conservative Government by a series of victories in local elections throughout Britain.

Results so far show that Labour has captured two big towns and six smaller councils with a net gain of 368 seats in the towns and 79 in urban districts. Today, 200 more urban districts went to the polls with Labour confident of further victories.

The Conservatives suffered a net loss of 30 seats, and the Liberals four. All seven Communist councillors lost their places.

These elections, combined with last year's, have repaired to a great extent the severe defeat suffered by Labour four years ago. The opposition party now controls London, Manchester, Glasgow, Birmingham, Leeds and Bristol. They have majorities in a total of 352 councils out of the 1,800 throughout Britain.

INA reports that political observers believe that the Communist loss of six seats in the London borough of Stepney was mainly due to the defection of many Jewish supporters. Many East London Jews had supported the Communists for their anti-Fascist stand but the recent Soviet anti-Zionism has made them rebel.

Socialists in Europe Council Attack Idea of Federation

STRASBOURG, Saturday (Reuter). — Socialists in the Council of Europe today attacked present plans for a six-nation West European federation — with a few asides directed at the U.S.

Main point of attack was their fear that inclusion of West Germany in the proposed federation with France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg would prejudice chances of ending the cold war.

Mr. Denis Healey, British Labour Party, said the six-nation federation would fail unless built into the framework of a "Big Europe" including Britain. Unfortunately, he added, President Eisenhower's Administration had moved away from the concept of trans-Atlantic partnership and was trying to establish "dynamic world leadership on the cheap." It was cutting aid to Europe and at the same time making it harder for Europe to earn dollars.

SHARETT LEAVES BRAZIL FOR HOME

RIO DE JANEIRO, Saturday, (INA).—Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is due to leave Brazil for home tonight in order to meet Mr. Dulles.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharett concluded their Latin American trip today with a visit to the Jewish community at San Paolo. They were given a gala reception. They were accompanied by Aluf David Shaltiel, Minister to Brazil.

On Thursday they attended the Brazilian Senate where they were received by the Vice-President of the Republic, Sr. Jaoa Cafe Filho, and by the Senate's President.

In the evening, Mr. Sharett gave a reception at the Israel Legation to President Getulio Vargas, Government members and the diplomatic corps.

Egyptians Talk Tough As Dulles Leaves for Mid-East

U.S. Not to Advocate Specific Plans

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP). — Secretary of State Dulles and Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen headed for the Middle East and South Asia today, intent upon finding facts and friends in those strategic regions.

"I am pleased at the thought that this trip will give me a chance to renew old friendships and, I am sure, make many new ones," Mr. Dulles said in a departure statement.

"In addition, the trip will be an opportunity to dispel such misunderstandings of the American position as may exist and to develop still closer relations between the U.S. and the countries I will visit on my itinerary."

Purpose: To Listen

Speaking for both himself and Mr. Stassen, Mr. Dulles said their purpose was to listen intently to what other people had to say, but not to take along or advocate specific plans or programmes, or to press the 12 governments to be visited for decisions on anything.

This will be the first visit of the U.S. Secretary of State to the vast Eastern Mediterranean and South Asian regions which Mr. Dulles, Mr. Stassen and six other officials will cover in a period of 20 days. The 12 countries — notably excluding crisis-ridden Iran — are Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Libya, the Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Turkey and Greece.

Canal Zone Terror Imperils Agreement

By Shahe Guebenlian
Jerusalem POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Britain has bluntly told Egypt that it will be impossible to continue negotations or reach an agreement if the recently intensified "guerrilla war" in the Canal zone is allowed to continue, it was understood here today.

This follows reports reaching here of the shooting by Egyptians of the wife of a Brigadier near Ismailia earlier this week. The shooting was the latest in a series of recent outrages which are believed to be due to the pronouncements of Egyptian politicians that Canal evacuation was near, coupled with fiery outbursts about throwing the British out.

The latest batch of reports of Canal incidents reaching here include a growing number of stabbings of British soldiers, kidnappings and lootings carried out by Egyptians.

The trickle of food supplies recently obtained by the British authorities from the Egyptians in the Canal zone has again dwindled and returning visitors state that the willingness of Egyptian grocers to sell "depends entirely on what political speech was made by an Egyptian leader the previous night."

Arab States Support Cairo Stand

CAIRO, Saturday. — Brandishing a bare sabre from the pulpit of a Mosque, Lieutenant-Colonel Hussein el Sahefi, a member of the Egyptian Revolutionary Council, declared today that the "national struggle" would soon be launched.

This declaration followed noon prayers in the town of Desuk, half-way between Cairo and Alexandria, where el Sahefi had just opened a Liberation Rally branch. The local peasants gave him a frenzied welcome.

In Cairo at the same time, the Arab States today reconfirmed their "absolute support" of Egypt in her demands for unconditional evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal zone.

A statement issued following another meeting of Foreign Ministers of Arab League states said the delay in settling the Egyptian case was causing "restlessness in the Arab Orient." This prevents "international cooperation on the basis of confidence and friendship," it said. This was interpreted to mean that Western hopes for a Middle East defence organization must be based on the evacuation of British forces from the Suez before the question can be raised.

Prepare Common Front

The Arab Foreign Ministers have been in session here for two days drafting a common front to present to U.S. Secretary of State Dulles when he arrives here on Monday.

Earlier, Nagib and Foreign Minister Fawzi had a 45-minute discussion with U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery. While Mr. Caffery said his call was connected with the Middle East tour of Secretary of State Dulles, semi-official quarters said the question of finding a method of breaking the present deadlock in the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the Suez Canal zone was also discussed.

After the meeting, when Dr. Fawzi was asked if the evacuation talks deadlock had been discussed, he replied: "The Egyptian question is a universal issue — of interest to many."

(In Washington today the Egyptian Embassy said in a statement: "Egypt is fully conscious of the importance of the Suez Canal Zone and is determined to protect this base against any aggressor with the help of her friends if needed. The Egyptian Government is also conscious that in the interests of the security of this base both in peace and war they will need the cooperation of non-Egyptian technicians. They will not hesitate to request this cooperation for different branches of the Egyptian forces.")

(Reuter, AP)

London Awaits Cairo Move to Reopen Talks

By George Lichtheim
Jerusalem POST Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The official view of the Cairo negotiations is that the initiative for restarting them rests with the Egyptians. There are to be no British undertakings in advance of further talks.

The latest British note appears to have been friendly in tone but firmer in substance than those previous to Mr. Eden's illness.

It is assumed that the Egyptians will now complain to Mr. Dulles. That, however, will not advance the talks unless the Secretary of State unexpectedly lives up to his verbal undertakings to Mr. Eden last February.

Latest reports are not reassuring, for he is credited with an impractical scheme for turning the Canal over to a pan-Arab high command with British participation. This scheme was rejected in advance by "The Times" in an editorial which, for the first time, clearly stressed the military weakness of all Arab states.

The undertone of irony in this and in other editorial references to Mr. Dulles is making observers wonder whether there is not some substance to the rumour that he is shortly to be replaced by Mr. Thomas Dewey. Since Sir Walter Manckton and Mr. Harold MacMillan are now mentioned as probable successors to Mr. Eden, there is a likelihood that Anglo-American policy will shortly receive some fresh impulse.

None of this is expected to have an immediate effect on the Cairo talks, which are clearly entering a period of mutual nerve-testing. Some sage advice on how to fill this interval by distracting Mr. Dulles' attention from Egypt and diverting it to Israel is given in an article from the "Economist's" roving correspondent in the Middle East which recommends Anglo-American action to coerce Jordan and Israel into accepting a compromise settlement on frontiers and refugees.

Moscow Anniversary Modest

MOSCOW, Saturday. — The Soviet press today marked the anniversary of the Allied victory over Germany eight years ago and for the first time since the war did not contain a single word of deprecation of Anglo-American military efforts.

Newspapers also printed on their front pages messages exchanged between Premier Georgi Malenkov and East German Premier Otto Grotewohl. The Soviet Premier's greetings hoped for "the speediest conclusion of a peace treaty answering the basic needs of the German people and of all peace-loving people."

Unlike previous years when Soviet writers emphasised a "single-handed" Russian victory over the Germans and deliberated on the refusal of the Western allies to open a second front, "Pravda" and "Izvestia" did not mention the roles of the U.S. and Britain at all, nor anything along earlier lines to the effect that they had long been instigating the Nazis against the USSR.

In Prague today, tens of thousands of chanting Czechoslovak soldiers and armed police paraded through the streets in a display of military strength. Celebrating the eighth anniversary of Czechoslovakia's "liberation by the Red Army," infantry, tank and artillery units marched through Letna Place. Jet planes roared overhead. (UP, AP)

JORDAN PRESS ALLEGES INCIDENTS

The Jordan press headlined a number of alleged incidents on the Israel-Jordan border over the weekend. "Falastin," the Old City daily, reported a two-hour exchange of fire between National Guards and eight Israel soldiers who reportedly penetrated into Jordan east of the Kalkilia-Nablus telephone line.

Later that night, automatic fire was allegedly opened for two hours on Jordan villagers in the same area.

The Jordan delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission on Friday afternoon requested General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, to hold an emergency meeting to discuss an incident north Tulkarm in the morning when Israel soldiers allegedly opened fire on the road linking Tulkarm with the northern villages. A bus was hit and several passengers were wounded, ANA reports.

TERRORIST ACTIVITY DROPS IN MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Saturday (UP).— Overt acts of terrorism by Communists in Malaya dropped 90 per cent in 1952 from the previous year as the Communists abandoned open defiance of law and returned to tactics of secret penetration, according to the Singapore Government's annual report published yesterday.

The Colonial Secretary's report said Communist activity increased in labour groups and in some Chinese schools but on the whole "had made no appreciable headway."

Paris Confirms Vietminh Retreat

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The Communist-led Vietminh have given up for the time being the battle for Laos, a spokesman of the Indo-China Ministry said here today. The bulk of Vietminh forces which had swept deep into Laos, within 20 kms. of the royal capital of Luang Prabang, are withdrawing towards the north, latest reports received here said.

Vietminh units sighted near Luang Prabang and others near the French stronghold in the plain of Jars had "disappeared," but there is no definite news yet about the columns which struck out towards Paksen on the Mekong river, on the Laos-Siam border, the reports added.

Earlier it was announced that General H. C. Navarre, Chief of Staff to Marshal Juin, Central Europe Land Commander, was last night named C.-in-C. of French and Vietnamese forces in Indo-China, replacing General Salan. Gen. Navarre will take up his post shortly. He was appointed at a Council of Ministers meeting yesterday.

Reports from Saigon, meanwhile, said that Vietminh rebels sprang from ambush to attack a French Union train blown up by mines 40 kms. north-west of the Annam capital of Hue yesterday.

Nineteen people were killed by the mines, including 10 soldiers and 15 were injured. Four of the train's carriages were wrecked. Six attackers were killed in a battle with the train's escort.

GASS RECRUITS ECONOMIC ADVISERS

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA) — A number of well-known American economists are joining an economic advisory staff being established in Israel under Government contract, it was made known here today by Mr. Oscar Gass, head of the Central Planning Bureau of the Israel Prime Minister's Office.

Among them are expected to be Dr. Marion Clawson, formerly chief of the Bureau of Land Management of the U.S. Department of the Interior, who will concentrate on agricultural planning; Dr. A. P. Lerner, formerly professor of economics at Roosevelt College, Chicago, who will work on fiscal policy, and Mr. Bernard Bell, formerly chief economist of the Export-Import Bank of Washington. He will deal with internal finance and balance of payments problems.

Other engineering and economic specialists are being recruited to deal with industrial, transport, housing and community planning.

Their contracts provide that the advisory staff is to make confidential recommendations to the Israel Government relative to "such policies and plans relating to economic affairs as the economic advisory staff believes to be helpful and appropriate."

Marauders Murder Old Man

Tracks of three infiltrators, who killed Yitzhak Haroush, 65, in a western quarter of Jerusalem early Friday morning, led police in the direction of the Jordan border.

The body of Haroush, pierced by six sten gun bullets in his chest and eye, was found lying in the courtyard of his home. Police were called just after 4 p.m. by a police sergeant living opposite Haroush's dwelling who had been awakened by the shouts. A neighbour living on the ground floor above the victim's basement room told the police that he had been awakened by a fierce banging on his door. After crying "Who's there?" he heard men running away.

The police, who used bloodhounds, were unable to trace the infiltrators' tracks as far as the border due to the rocky terrain and the dry soil. Haroush's mother, who lived with him, was only informed of his death by police and neighbours the following morning.

The infiltrators also stole a bicycle belonging to Yitzhak Opher who lives in a nearby settlement and tried to break into a nearby store several hours before the murder.

The Army spokesman announced yesterday that a 60-year-old man was killed in the yard of his home by infiltrators on Thursday night in a western quarter of Jerusalem. Tracks of the murderers led to the Armistice Lines. A protest has been submitted to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, it was said. (Itim)

14 MARAUDERS KILLED IN WEEK

Fourteen infiltrators were killed and 15 captured in the week ending Thursday, an Army spokesman announced yesterday. They were killed and captured in seven clashes which took place between the infiltrators and Israel Defence Forces in the Egyptian and Jordan sectors, it was said.

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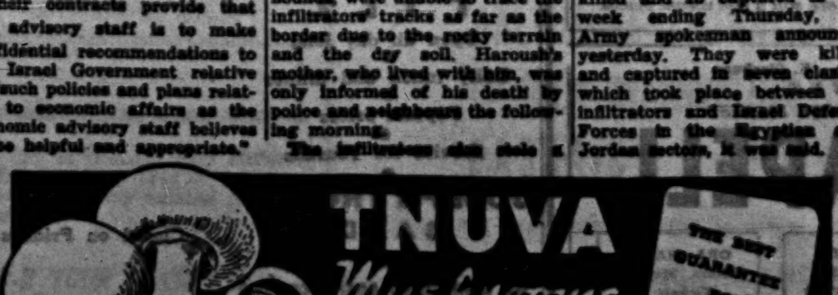
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Social & Personal

Dr. George Halperin of Chicago, Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, will deliver a guest lecture on "Medical Journalism and Medical Literary Style" under the auspices of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and the Israel Medical Association this evening at eight o'clock in the Lecture Hall of the Medical School. The public is invited.

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The Haifa branch of the Israel-America Friendship League is to hold a general meeting at the Technion at 8 o'clock tonight.

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Mr. David Horowitz, correspondent at the U.N. headquarters in New York, is to speak on "Israel and the United Nations" at the YMCA Lecture Hall in Jerusalem at 6 o'clock on Tuesday. Mr. Daniel Auster will be in the chair.

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The fourth of a series of concerts given by the Raziel Circle is to take place at six o'clock tomorrow at the Ma'ale School in the Schmidt building in Jerusalem.

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YOUR friends and relatives read this paper—let them know your social and family news through The Jerusalem POST.

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR TIBERIAS

A new playground was opened in Tiberias on Wednesday by the Mayor, Mr. Moshe Zahar. Children performed gay dances and gave a gymnastic display at the opening ceremony. The playground, situated between the Ahva quarter of the old city and the new immigrant's Shikun Aleph, commands a magnificent panoramic view of the lake and the emerald slopes of the hills. Dr. Miriam Freund, chairman of Hadassah's Vocational Education Services, made the first substantial contribution towards the cost of the building which has been named after her mother Rebecca Kottler.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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JAFFA: Veraso and Madger, 3 Rehov 340, 50793. **RAMAT GAN:** Amit, 130, Hamodiin. **GIVATAYIM:** Noga, opp. Fire Brigade.

HAIFA: Harefua, 61 Hehalutz, 2277. Mashiah, Irak, opp. Hadar cinema, 2058. **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Motzkin, 7202.

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Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

9-1; 3-6: "One Nation Out of Many Peoples," Exhibition. Bezalel Museum.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibitions — works by Elias Kohn, Yona Mach. Artists House.

★ TEL AVIV ★

8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo "Spring in Tel Aviv," Jascha Heifetz Hall.
10-1; 4-7: Museum: "Black and White" — Drawings by Young Israeli Artists.
10-1; 4-8: Paintings by Joseph Farhy. General House, 34 Allenby Road.
8.30 p.m.: "Saint Joan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi.
11-1; 4-7: Exhibition of paintings by David Lan Bar. Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi.

★ HAIFA ★

10-1: Jewish Antiquities, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Arabic Art: Municipal Museum Town Hall.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

8.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

ARNON: Pagan Love Song.
EDEN: Quo Vadis.
EDISON: La Cage aux Filles.
OR-GIL: Enrico Caruso.
ORION: La Valse Brillante.
ORNA: Bull Fighter and the Lady.
STUDIO: Hotel Sahara.
ZION: The Mating Season.

Farmers' Forum

Planning Policy

The Planning Department of the Ministry of Agriculture is currently engaged in formulating a definite agricultural policy for the country on the basis of experience gained in the past five years and the fact that movements of and increases in population have now tapered off.

The problems involved, which were very intricate, Ministry of Agriculture circles state, were to strike a balance between the growing of food and animal fodder and a consideration of farmers' habits, the relative lucrativeness of various crops and the political aspect of the settling of the country.

In view of the fact that the Planning Department is now formulating its views the current public discussion of the subject based on "inadequate information" is considered by the Ministry to be premature, it was said.

LOCUST DANGER

The locust danger this year is much greater than it was in either of the two preceding years; large swarms of locusts have settled in areas close to the Israel frontier in West Jordan. Many of these have already laid eggs, and others are expected to do so shortly.

Moreover, within two to four weeks a fresh wave of locusts is expected to fly west from the Nejd region of Saudi Arabia and only climatic conditions and in particular the direction of the wind will determine where they settle — in Israel or Jordan.

It is feared that the locusts, who can fly a distance of 250 kilometres in one day, may settle in the plains of Israel and lay their eggs there. For breeding they need moist soil and a temperature of between 27 to 31 degrees.

Drs. Bitinski and Peretz of the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry are at present working on new types of anti-locust poison, as the ones now in use are extremely expensive.

SUGAR BEET

Sugar beet is being raised on an area of 5,000 dunams this year, and it is hoped that there will be a yield of 41,000 tons, which is what the alcohol distilleries can absorb. The crop developed quickly in the mild winter and many fields already bear four to six tons a dunam. However, the wet spring made it difficult for farmers to weed and the success of the crop now depends on the speed with which the weeds are destroyed. Any tardiness in this matter will have a directly detrimental effect on the crop.

According to the report by Dr. H. A. Berkover, the Californian expert who spent six months in this country to advise on the growing of beet, the plant can definitely be grown in most types of soil in this country, 16 to 18 kilograms of sugar per person could be supplied.

CATTLE DISEASE

Despite the great care taken, some of the cattle imported from the U.S. and Europe have shown signs of falling sickness, and the disease has spread to several parts of the country. At the first signs of the disease, the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture was called in to vaccinate all herbs against it.

The serum was prepared in the Veterinary Institute in Tel Aviv and was proved successful. The disease is now localized in areas which suffered particularly severely. Farmers should see to it that all calves be vaccinated when they are six months old.

CAULIFLOWER SEASON

Whereas in the past locally grown cauliflower appeared in the markets over a period of only two months, continuous improvements in the growing of this vegetable have now made it possible for farmers to send it to markets for nine months of the year.

Scots' Galilee Hospital May Close Next Year

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The Church of Scotland Hospital in Tiberias, founded in 1885, will close down next year, unless the Church's Jewish Mission Committee decides to maintain it as a private hospital, or come to an agreement with the Ministry of Health.

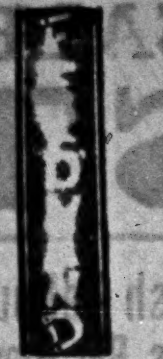
Since 1951, the Ministry has been subsidising 50 maternity and gynaecological beds to relieve the acute shortage of hospital accommodation in Galilee. But a general hospital is being constructed at Poriya overlooking Lake Kinneret, and the Schweitzer Hospital will take over maternity cases when the Poriya buildings are ready to receive patients from the Schweitzer and other temporary wards in Tiberias. Accordingly, the Health Ministry has decided to terminate its contract with the Scottish Hospital.

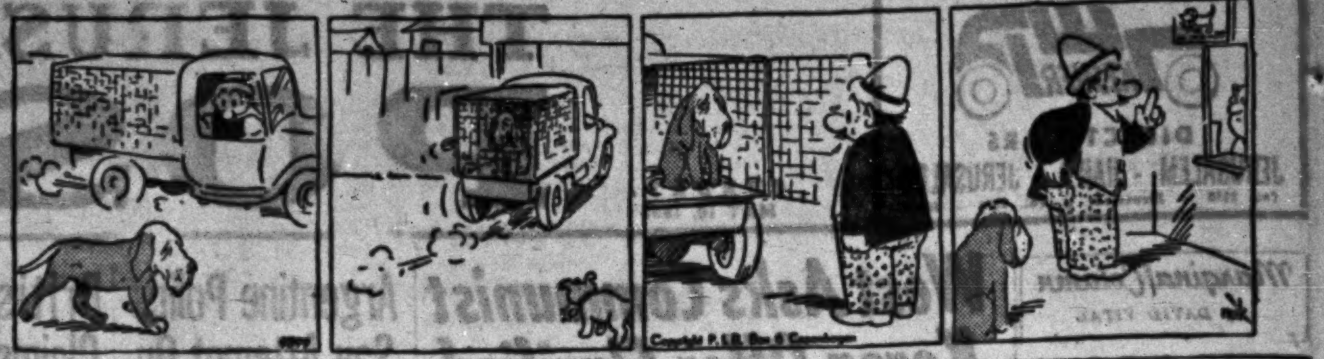
However, since construction at Poriya has taken longer than expected, the Ministry has proposed continuing the arrangement with the Scottish Hospital until next April, if the Mission Committee agrees to underwrite 20% of the annual costs. This would require about £11,000—more than twice the amount the Church now contributes.

Lease Offered

A Mission Committee delegation visited the hospital in February and after consultation with the Ministry of Health came to the conclusion that an independent hospital had small chance of competing successfully with State or Kupat Holim services. The Mission Committee then offered the Health Ministry a five-year lease of the hospital on a sterling basis. Negotiations are still under way, but at all events, the Church hospital will remain open another year.

The Rev. G. Henderson, Convener of Staffing in the Mission Committee, explained this situation in a recent letter to the Edinburgh "Scotsman," ending, "Israel will develop to a very high level, culturally, politically and socially. A new situation faces the Church there. Its missionaries by their personal example have gained the esteem of the authorities. They have afforded to our national Church greater facilities to make its Christian Witness than to any other Church... contributing in no small degree to good relations between this country and Israel."





REVIEW OF FRIDAY'S PRESS

PAPERS MARK ANNIVERSARIES, DEBATE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX

Editorials on Friday dealt with a variety of anniversaries such as "Maritime Day" and "Victory (East) Day."

"Davar" "Omer" (both Histadrut) and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) comment on the Histadrut resolution to open its gates to Arab workers. "Davar" says that this is a great day for the Histadrut and hopes that it will eventually lead to peace. The paper calls upon Jewish workers to overcome their psychological restraint and prejudices and to be ready to welcome Arab workers without reservation. The paper goes on to stress that Arab workers should know both the rights and duties of members of the Histadrut.

"Haboker" (Gen. Zionist) deals with the coming visit of the American Secretary of State to the Middle East and Israel in two articles, and "Kol Ha'am" continues to publish its violent "anti-Dulles" column.

Peri Recants

A violent article against Dr. Sneh's "Left" group by E. Peri is published in "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam). The author says that this group has ceased to exist as an independent body in view of the lack of "patriotic and internationalist" aims in its programme and has become a mere Maki subsidiary. Maki, he continues, is better than the "Left group" in some respects however since the Communists have ceased opposing the very existence of Israel and mass immigration; they have learned to acknowledge facts while the Snehists have travelled in the opposite direction.

Mr. M. Begin writing in "Herut" analyses several wars for national liberation in our times and reaches the conclusion that "romantic, irrational motives" were of decisive importance in Israel's fight for independence. These very values of faith, sacrifice, love, purity etc., are now ridiculed by the "realists," but he (Begin) maintains that he is a "sentimental terrorist," a romantic in the 19th century tradition and will remain so to his last day.

Unemployment Tax

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamisrahi) in an outspoken editorial comes out in favour of the Unemployment Tax, so strongly opposed by the right wing press. The paper argues that helping the needy is an elementary Jewish (religious) duty, and any "scientific" attempt to evade this obligation is immoral.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) on the other hand, holds that the "hysterical outcry" to help the unemployed does not carry much conviction. The paper believes that Mapai's willingness to agree to an Unemployment Tax which would give the Treasury IL.15m.-20m. instead of the IL.25m. originally demanded, shows that the party is more concerned about the lack of liquid means than about the political and social dangers of mass unemployment.

"Al Hamishmar" attacks Mapai for a different reason, namely for giving in to almost all the demands of the "bourgeois" Coalition partners. Mr. Ben Gurion, the paper maintains, was quite right in criticizing the "dogmatic" approach of his partners whose only principle is not to pay, but words should be followed by actions.

"Davar" publishes two detailed surveys of the situation of Hungarian and Rumanian Jewry today, analysing news received since the recent turn in Soviet politics. The conclusion the paper reaches is that in spite of the temporary easing of the situation, their position remains precarious. The paper comments on the news that the Rumanian parliament has been dissolved and says that most Rumanian Jews wish to come to Israel once a change in official attitude towards emigration has taken place.

THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Treasury Neglects Own Issues

TEL AVIV. — Quotations for the 3% National Loan were resumed on April 30; 318% for small certificates and 290% for large certificates ex coupon. Prices rose during the week closing on Thursday at 330 and 295 respectively. It was announced on Friday that the Treasury will pay in cash at the "B" rate for coupons due last June and December, and that the difference between the "B" and "C" rates would be paid next month.

Tavei Dollar rose during the week, closing on Thursday at 208% ex coupon and 210¾% cum coupon, reflecting expectations for coupon payments at the third rate.

The new 3½ per cent free of tax Government Loan 1953/57 dropped under sales pressure to 80-81 on the free market. This development seems rather surprising since from 1.10.54 this loan will be accepted at par for payment of income tax, compulsory loan, company profit tax and property tax. Market circles attribute the decline to the general money market position, tax pressure, and Government's neglect of the market in their own issues.

Fluctuations in other securities were insignificant; there was a slight downward trend, for instance, in Africa-Palestine Investment shares closing at 120 from 121½, Palestine Electric (London Register) at 152 from 152½ and the Israel Register 157½ from 159. ATA ordinary shares were quoted at 127¼ from 129¾, but the preference shares closed unchanged at 99½. P.L.D.C. Ordinary shares rose to 171 from 170 last week.

NEW YORK. — Prices moved upwards, and most shares advanced, led by oils, rubbers and rails. The Dow Jones Industrial Index rose to 278.14 on May 6, from 272.7 a week before. Selling pressure was reduced, as Wall Street apparently began to doubt the sincerity of Moscow peace offers.

About 71 per cent out of 236 companies which had reported their first quarter earnings by last week, showed profit rises, many companies had record sales and profits, for instance Radio Corporation 61c. per share against 45c. in the same period last year and Goodyear 242c. per share against 152c. in 1952.

LONDON.—The uncertainty of the Far Eastern situation was reflected in a cautious attitude, and Chinese bonds declined, whereas other foreigns maintained their prices. Reuters industrial index remained unchanged at 134.1, the Giltedgeds index was 84.4. Bonds were helped by the gold and dollar reserve figures which show a further rise of $107m. (£38m.) in the sterling area in April, bringing the total to $2,272m. (£812m.).

COMMODITIES.—Reuters U.K. Index (15.9.31=100) was 499.2 on May 5, against 495.7 last week, and 545.4 a year ago. Markets generally improved over the week, with rubber considerably higher in London, New York, and Singapore.

Private trading in copper will be resumed when the London metal exchange for dealings in copper reopens on August 5.

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Complaint Follows Tennis Abstention

Israel has lodged a complaint with the international ruling body in tennis against the two Yugoslav players who had registered to take part in the Israel "Open" International Championships during Passover and did not arrive in Israel, although they did leave Yugoslavia and played in other countries. In their acknowledgment, the international body stated the complaint was being dealt with and that they were awaiting a reply from the Yugoslav Tennis Federation.

Tirat Zvi Wins Elizur Run

Tirat Zvi came first in the team marathon Elizur's 3rd Spring Run, in which four teams of 40 people participated. The run was from Bet Sha'an to Tirat Zvi, a distance of 10 kilometres. Tirat Zvi took the lead from the start and never lost it. Sadei Eliyahu picked up in the latter stages and overtook Shluchot to take second spot, with Ein Hanazim last. The times were: Tirat Zvi, 28:10.00; Sadei Eliyahu, 29:36.2; Shluchot, 30:00.0; Ein Hanazim, 31:30.0.

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Two Surprises in Division I Football

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Football matches in the First Division brought two surprises when Betar Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Petah Tikva 2-1 here today, after the defeated team led 1-0 in the first half. In Jaffa, Hapoel Ramat Gan played a surprisingly good game when they beat Maccabi Rehovot 3-2. The vanquished side scored their two goals after violent attacks in the 67th and 72nd minutes.

In Balfouria the local Hapoel lost to Maccabi Tel Aviv 6-0 while Hapoel Petah Tikva defeated Maccabi Haifa 9-0. The guest players in Haifa, Hapoel Tel Aviv, lost to their Hapoel hosts 2-1, and Maccabi Natanya beat Hapoel Kfar Saba 2-1.

The summing up of these games puts Maccabi Tel Aviv on top of the League with seven games and 14 points, with Hapoel Petah Tikva as runner-up with seven games and 12 points. Third place goes to Maccabi Petah Tikva with eight points, fourth to Hapoel Haifa with seven points and fifth to Maccabi Natanya, also with seven points.

Two boxing knockouts were scored when featherweight Azriel of Tiberias knocked out Roberts of Natanya in the first round, and middleweight Birenblum of Tel Aviv laid flat his opponent Greenberg of Tel Aviv in the second round of the Betar Boxing championship in the Ziratron on Thursday and Friday.

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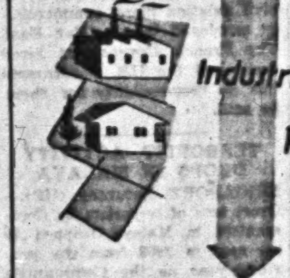

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down. 12.00 noon "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.00 Requests (R). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Piano Recital (R). 2.00 Close Down.

3.15 p.m. Zion Christian Mission Service.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.40 Recital: Uri Pliederbaum. 5.00 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Music (R). 7.45 Talk by E. Z. Chashin. 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.45 Works by Chaikowsky: Piano Concerto No. 2; Symphony No.1. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Irina Maistrovoi. 10.30 Benny Goodman & his Orchestra. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 225, 216, 4.39 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Story. 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column," by Walter Eytan. 11.35 The Agricultural School at Mikveh Yisrael.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (44.6, 216, 229 & 225 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 I.A.F. Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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Beersheba	26	10	28	32
Eilat	—	—	—	35

FORECAST: Sharav with additional rising temperatures and fresh southerly winds with sand storms, mainly in the Negev. The sharav is expected to come to an end during the afternoon with a considerable drop in temperature.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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FOR FOUR days last week Lydda Labour Council officials were prevented from going to their offices by organized groups of unemployed who have also decided to demonstrate in Lydda and at the Kirya, unless their demand for work is met.

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A SHOT accidentally discharged from a mole trap fatally injured Mrs. Margalit Friedman, 30, in her garden at Kiryat Amal yesterday morning. Mrs. Friedman and her husband were handling the trap, which was fitted with a gun, when she set it off and was hit by a bullet. She died on the way to the Rambam Hospital.

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THREE PLACES in Tel Aviv were burgled on Thursday night. Thieves broke into Moshe Kornfeld's flat on Rehov Wolfson and stole IL.1,000 cash and objects valued at IL.500. Aharon Rosenblum's flat on Rehov Hakalir was pilfered of over IL.700 cash and valuables worth IL.1,582, while the "Yoel" company on Rehov Nahlat Binyamin suffered the loss of IL.374 which thieves took out of a small safe.

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ARIE BERGER was badly burned at the Haifa Tnuva dairy yesterday morning when a flame from the furnace he was lighting blew up and enveloped him. He was taken to the Rambam hospital.

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ON SUSPICION of forcing a guard to let him take two sacks of potatoes from the Mahne Yehuda market in Jerusalem late on Thursday night, a youth was detained after a search by the police. The guard said the youth had threatened to kill him. Police found one sack of potatoes nearby. (Itim)

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THE ZIM Company's six fruit ships carried over 970,000 cases of citrus this season, about 20% of the total export. Last year Zim ships carried only 780,000 cases.

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A 14-YEAR-OLD youth with a criminal record, who escaped from the "Ogen" reform school near Herzlia two weeks ago, was caught while trying to break into a vegetable store in Tel Aviv on Friday. He allegedly told police that in order to eat he had been stealing nightly since his escape.

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AFTER HELPING another driver extricate his tender from a sandy patch near Migdal Ashkelon on Thursday, Itzhak Stolaro, 25, a local lorry driver, felt something wrong with his own vehicle and stopped to investigate. While lying under the vehicle it started moving and ran over him. He died instantly.

GIRL RETURNED ACROSS LINES

Hatoun Nebi, a girl of 22 from the Mekor Haim *ma'bara*, Jerusalem, was returned to Israel yesterday through the Mandelbaum Gate after spending three days in a Jordan women's prison. As she is feeble-minded, the girl was unable to give a clear description of what had happened.

The mukhtar of the Jordan village Bet Safafa, near Mekor Haim, reported to the Israel police on Wednesday afternoon that a girl had wandered over the border into their village and was then arrested by a member of the National Guard. The father of Hatoun Nebi (who had strayed over once before) later reported her missing. When Jordan officials announced the arrest to the Mixed Armistice Commission her return was arranged on Saturday afternoon.

RATION NEWS

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: 4, Het 30, Temp. 8. Eggs for expectant mothers: 8, coupon 21. Eggs for invalids: 4 on Het Aleph 3 cards; 8 on Het Beth 6 cards; 9 on Het Gimel 18 cards. Poultry for aged persons: 500 grams, Nun 19, Nun 29. Poultry for invalids: 500 grams, Het Aleph 3, Het Bet 6 cards. Poultry for expectant mothers: 750 grams, coupon 9. Potatoes: 2 kgs., Heh 46. Onions: 300 grams, Tet 1, temp. 40. Oil and [illegible]: 400 grams, Bet 29, temp. 1. Coffee or Tea: 120 grams coffee, or 100 grams tea, or 60 grams coffee and 50 grams tea, Lamed 19, Lamed 3, temp. 25, 26; Gimel cards will receive 100 grams tea.

Committee Proposes Income Tax Reduction

Yearly incomes up to IL.900 (instead of IL.325 as at present) would be practically exempt from taxation, and the maximum tax rate would be 50% (instead of the present 86%) under the amendments to the Income Tax Law which have been proposed by a special committee appointed by the Minister of Finance, it was learned in economic circles in Jerusalem last night.

The proposed amendments are being studied by the Finance Ministry and will soon be discussed by the Economic Ministers' Committee and the Cabinet, and upon their approval will be tabled in the Knesset.

The recommendations of the Committee centered mainly on two points: a change in the tax rates, and the introduction of a much simpler method of calculating the tax. According to the proposals, the present "bracket system" (under which the tax rate increases for each additional bracket) will be replaced by a "cumulative system," under which the tax rate will be fixed for the total taxable income.

The amendments fix a tax of 20% on an annual income of 1,000, 21% on IL.1,200, 22% on IL.1,400, and up to 30% on IL.4,500. From IL.4,500 to IL.6,600 the rate would increase at a slower pace—1% more for each additional IL.300 of income—and on over IL.6,600 it would increase by 1% for each additional IL.400.

Instead of the present IL.325 exemption from the taxable income of each taxpayer, the amendments propose an IL.84 deduction from the tax itself. A married man would be permitted to deduct a like amount for his wife, while the deduction for each child would be IL.43.

T.A. Council Waiting For Haifa Agreement

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Mapai-General Zionist coalition agreement in Haifa is still pending as the Mayor there resents the idea of having a General Zionist Deputy Mayor in his Mapai-Mapam coalition. The situation there is having its influence on Council debates here and on the distribution of municipal departments to the new Mapai Deputy Mayor in Tel Aviv.

As a result, Council meetings here have been postponed and will resume only after agreement is reached in Haifa. This is expected later in the week, it was learned today.

IL.1.5m. Development Project for Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday (ITIM). — Public works projects to be carried out under the local IL.1.5m. development budget for 1953/54 were outlined by Mayor P. Rashish here on Wednesday night. A 200-bed hospital, 100 apartments for social cases and young couples, erection of a wholesale market and a drainage scheme were listed.

The Municipality had completed construction of a maternity hospital this year thanks to IL.40,000 received from the Payis lottery, the Mayor said. A Local loan is shortly to be raised among parents to provide funds for the construction of school buildings.

J'LEM COMMISSION SUBMITS PROPOSALS

The Commission enquiring into the affairs of the Municipality has completed its private deliberations on the report submitted by a sub-committee last Thursday, Justice S. Z. Cheshin, chairman of the Commission, told the press on Friday.

Recommendations regarding municipal administration were agreed upon unanimously and presented to the Minister of the Interior, who appointed the Commission.

USSR PRAISED FOR FRIENDLINESS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —A "Soviet Army Day" to mark the eighth anniversary of VE day was celebrated today in the Red Army Forest in the Jerusalem corridor by the Israel-U.S.S.R. Friendship League. It was attended by representatives of Eastern European diplomatic missions here.

Tens of trucks, many decorated with portraits of Stalin, took the celebrators to the forest.

Speakers headed by Dr. Moshe Sneh, M.K., secretary of the League, lauded the friendship of the Soviet Union for Israel.

Redistribution of Wealth Asked

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The employment of jobless in productive work aimed at either decreasing imports or increasing exports with funds drawn entirely from existing resources, was the immediate task of the State, Mr. David Horowitz, Governor-designate of the State Bank, said at the Commercial and Industrial club yesterday.

Mr. Horowitz said there also existed another way of raising means of payments: that of extending and facilitating credits. He rejected this as "illusory" and as inevitably leading to the inflationary situation of the pre-New Economic Policy era.

There were two major economic problems before the State: the first was one of too much money chasing too few goods, which was partially solved by the N.E.P. inaugurated last February and which had therefore been successful; one of its effects was to raise the value of Israel currency abroad by 30 per cent, he said, as the eyebrows of industrialists and merchants in the audience rose in disbelief.

The second problem, the adverse balance of payments, was as disturbing as ever; its only solution was the transfer of internal resources from those who have to those who have not, provided that the latter were employed in productive jobs only. This was a long way and an unpopular one, he remarked. However it would allow consumption to be further reduced. This was a "must," Mr. Horowitz said.

"We are now paying for the unprecedented task of integration and absorption the State has undertaken. Because of our unique economic situation theory has to be adjusted constantly."

In reply to a question, Mr. Horowitz said the Israel State Bank would open next January 1.

Mr. A. Rojanski, president of the club, said that Mr. Horowitz had expressed views which the business circles in the country had rejected.

Sale of Shares in U.S. Advised by Ampal Head

HAIFA, Saturday. — There were good prospects of raising private capital for investment in Israel, if the initiative came from here and if the right steps were taken to that end, Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, president of Ampal, the Histadrut financial institution in the U.S., said at the Maritime and Economics club here yesterday.

He outlined three ways of achieving that end. Firstly, the Government should continue its efforts to obtain long term loans. The Bond Drive, launched for that purpose, had been a considerable success, and no organization in the U.S. had ever raised so much for another country.

Secondly, shares of Government controlled or semi-public enterprises should be offered to the American investor. Thirdly, shares of privately-owned enterprises in need of additional investment capital could also be offered with prospect of success.

For these purposes a clearing house would have to be set up in the U.S. to select the shares to be offered on the American market, which would also have to be approved by the Federal Security Exchange Commission. It would also stabilize the stock market rates if the U.S. investor who wanted to dispose of his shares could be assured of doing so without a loss.

ANIMAL THEFT FROM SOUTHERN SETTLEMENTS

REHOVOT, Saturday. — A number of domestic animals were stolen from various settlements in the south last night. In one instance nine calves were recovered in an abandoned village, but the tracks of a cow and a mule stolen at the same time were discovered leading over the border.

Two cows were also stolen from two settlements in the coastal plain on Thursday night, and last night two cows were stolen from a settlement in the Sharon. There were also other isolated thefts of mules and goats. In all cases tracks led towards the border.

KOL YISRAEL LATER

Kol Yisrael's midday broadcasts are to start today at noon, instead of 10.30 a.m. on all weekdays, it was announced recently. Saturday programmes will not change.

The Housewives Corner will be broadcast at 12.30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the programme for hospitals at 12.50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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'Unproductive Workers The Real Problem'

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — "The present crisis is not one of unemployment but one of workers who don't produce," Mr. Eliezer Livneh, M.K., told a meeting of the Union of Academic Associations here on Thursday night. He noted that there was general pleasure at the news that the country would probably receive an $80m. grant from the U.S. this year, but said he thought this of no great import; more important was the fact that we would not get a loan from the Import-Export Bank for the consolidation of short-term loans, the granting of which was linked with our economic capabilities.

Both the right and the left were pressing for the printing of more money — the left to provide work and the right to be able to sell more luxury goods, the speaker said, adding that his own organization had also, unfortunately, not realized that inflation mainly hit the working man. The only solution was production, Mr. Livneh stressed.

Inquiry Into Alleged Customs Conspiracy

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The investigation of the alleged deal of the Heilig Tailors and Outfitters firm which had reportedly sent stones and rags abroad in lieu of trousers made of imported cloth, in order to avoid paying customs and luxury taxes, is being widened, the economic police said here yesterday.

Several arrests among the employees of the Heilig firm have been made, as well as among presons connected with the Haifa Customs.

When the police yesterday requested the further remand in custody of A. Friedman of Tel Aviv charged with executing the despatch of the false consignment of trousers, they said the investigation involved other crimes which could have been committed by the accused. He was remanded in custody for an additional seven days.

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Tryfus, Swartzbart Both Acquitted

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HAIFA, Saturday. — First Inspector David Tryfus, and Sergeant Ze'ev Swartzbart, both of the Haifa mobile police, were acquitted of charges of assault and causing bodily harm, abuse of office, and conspiring to prejudice court proceedings, in the District Court here yesterday. They were acquitted by a 2-1 ruling of the Court.

The charges dated back to April, 1950, when Mr. Gershon Ritov and Mr. Haim Hinson were beaten up by police, allegedly on the orders of the accused, after a noisy party on Mt. Carmel.

The District Court President, Mr. Y. Azulai, and Judge B. Zohar, in two separate judgments, held that the constables who had taken part in the ambush had acted on their own initiative and had put the blame on the accused in order to clear themselves. The two verdicts concurred in acquitting both defendants of all three charges. Judge Y. Gubernik found Tryfus guilty of all three charges and Swartzbart guilty of the conspiracy charge. He conceded that there had been contradictions in the testimony of the constables. This in itself, however, did not disprove the basic facts, and was due to blurred memory after such a long time, he held.

GUNS BOUGHT IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Trade Minister, said in the House of Commons yesterday that the Israel Government had bought some second-hand machine guns from Canada's Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.

Mr. Howe, who was unable to give the numbers or prices, said that the guns had been reconditioned for Israel by Canadian arsenals.

Mid-Air A-Bomb In Complex Test

LAS VEGAS, Saturday (Reuter).—A powerful atom bomb exploded yesterday over a make-believe forest and simulated military installations at the Nevada proving ground in one of the most complex atom tests yet held.

A record group of 100 Air Force planes circled high overhead as the bomb dropped from a B-50 bomber, burst at about 800 metres above Frenchman's Flat with a brilliance more than daylight.

The Atomic Energy Commission reported that 2,000 soldiers, 200 military and industrial observers and 15 Congressmen stationed nearly 10 kilometres from the blast came through unscathed.

The detonation tested bunkers and simulated fortifications both above and underground, constructed for the military, and a series of wall segments and textile samples mounted for civil defence experiments.

18 Burned in Plane Crash in India

NEW DELHI, Saturday (Reuter) — Eighteen bodies were dragged out of the smouldering wreck of an Indian airline Dakota which crashed in flames just after taking off from the Palam aerodrome here early today.

ISRAEL EXHIBITION OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — An archeological exhibition sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions in cooperation with the Association of Israel Museums opened today at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Antiquities, including tools, vases, seals and coins, as well as sculptures, mosaics and glass, dating from the paleolithic era through the period of the Byzantine empire, were on display. The exhibition was titled: "From the land of the Bible" and will be open until June 21.

French Premier Calls For Constitutional Reforms

LYONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Rene Mayer in a speech here last night called for constitutional reforms to strengthen the Government and permit long-term planning.

He called the annual voting of the budget "an impediment" by which Ministers and state industries "are doomed either to complete uncertainty which paralyzes action or to pledge the future with their eyes almost shut." The Executive should have the power "to attack the permanent causes" of the continuous rise in state expenditure by administrative reforms which assume a view of the future not limited to the end of the year.

M. Mayer said he hoped Parliament would soon act to amend the constitutional brake on the President's right to dissolve Parliament.

U.S. Cabinet Approves St. Lawrence Seaway

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower and his Cabinet unanimously agreed yesterday that American participation with Canada in the St. Lawrence seaway project is highly desirable.

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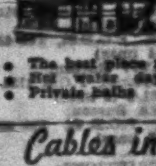
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RELEASED. — Bonn businessman Federich Brannekaemper, one of 20 people arrested last month on suspicion of complicity in a Soviet-run spy ring in West Germany, was released Friday, his lawyer announced in Frankfurt. This leaves 27 still in custody.

U.N.—U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld on Friday had a private 20-minute talk with President Eisenhower at the White House. It was the first time the President and the Secretary-General met. They discussed the United Nations.

VETERAN.—Miss Emily Brooke, believed to be the oldest woman in England, died on Thursday at her home in Worthing at the age of 107.

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The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 11, at 4.30 p.m. in the Biology Building, Talbieh, Rehov Jabotinsky, corner Redak (opposite the former Italian Consulate).
Canadian residents and visitors are especially invited.

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On 3.5.1953 at about 2 p.m. a lady was knocked down by a cyclist whilst crossing Jaffa Road near Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem. The following jewellery mainly of sentimental value was lost or stolen from her on this occasion:

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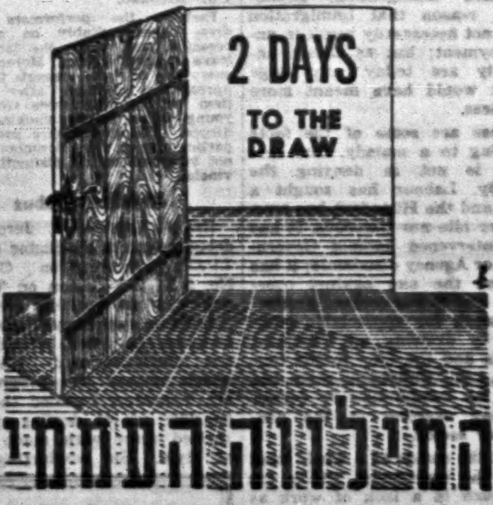
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IDLENESS and privation are poor counsel, but to deny their existence is to render the nation no service. If the unemployment situation is not as dangerous as it looks to those condemned to sit behind a table at one of the Labour Exchanges besieged by desperate men, neither are things as serene as the condescending editors of one or two of our bourgeois newspapers pretend who insist that the Treasury is exploiting joblessness as a blind for a deficit unconnected with it, and as an excuse for raiding the citizen's pocket by means of a fresh levy.

FACTS FOR CITIZENS

A quick review of the facts will do nobody any harm. There are some twenty-thousand people registered for jobs in the Exchanges up and down the country. The number of those in critical need of work may well be smaller, but this can only be tested when the Exchanges are able to offer work of some kind. Then it is that some of the applicants are found less eager, and their need perhaps less pressing. Some will turn their backs on jobs because the work is too hard, others because it is too far. Work when offered is a funnel through which the hard core of those in need can be separated from the rest.

The twenty-thousand do not represent all the people in the country without work, for this number does not include all the unemployable, the chronically workless; nor the so-called social cases, who have another address than the labour exchanges; nor those of the intelligentsia in search of jobs the Exchanges do not normally provide.

The twenty-thousand figure, surprisingly enough, is some fifteen thousand less than the Labour Ministry expected at this time; and the reason for this relatively favourable position lies in the works appertaining to the Development Budget, and which have taken up the difference between what might have been the total and the figure as it stands.

Again, and not in the least astonishingly, some of the unemployment was "planned," or at the very least was foreseeable. The economy drive, particularly the retrenchment in the Civil Services and reduction of civilian employees in the Army, has helped to swell the total; and the number will grow when the Municipalities, the Jewish Agency, other institutions and their cognate enterprises, follow the Government's lead; or when, because of the depression set up by the reduction in the number of earners, there will be a further shrinking of purchasing power and still more workers are sent home from the factories.

This recession, it will be remembered, has descended on the nation at a time of drastically curtailed immigration. Economists reason that immigration need not necessarily result in unemployment; but as things unhappily are today, any large influx would have meant more workless.

These are some of the facts pointing to a malady. The therapy is not in denying the malady. Labour has sought a cure, and the Histadrut has been neither idle nor timorous. It has not intervened against Government or Agency dismissals; it has wielded the axe against overtime; and it has created productive work for appreciable numbers by drawing on Provident Funds and the like, to the tune of IL.1.5m. Unhappily there has been no comparable or corresponding exertion in the non-Labour sector.

Yet the nation as a whole must face the emergency, which lies as much in a lack of work as in the tragedy of men going without it. The nation must appreciate that those without work have shown exemplary restraint, despite a few unhappy outbreaks. Israel is not a country to tolerate two classes of society, those with food to eat and those without — they and their children. Those who belittle the problem are not reducing the danger inherent in it; and those warning against the perils of unemployment and the accompanying waste in manpower are not alarmists or panic-mongers.

The uninvited counsellors of the General Zionists are helping neither the Party or country by urging that the Development Funds should be used to create employment rather than resort to a special levy. It is hard to see what we stand to gain by diverting to temporary relief works, funds earmarked for development and designed for durable purposes; and some of the arguments adduced in this odd advocacy would seem to be devised permanently to cripple development rather than meet a passing emergency.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Frank Coalition Debate

By GERDA LUFT

DISCUSSIONS on burning topical questions went on at two levels during last week's session of the Knesset. On the floor the parties aimed at evolving a logical economic policy and in Government Committees the Coalition partners tried to hammer out some sort of agreement on the thorny problem of helping the unemployed. Both issues form part of the same struggle, and as the General Zionists believe that the Coalition should not be endangered at present, a compromise is fairly certain to be the result of these discussions.

The sincerity — one is almost tempted to say grimness — with which these discussions are carried on in the House is one of the many signs that the Knesset is regaining much of its importance as a sounding-board of public opinion. Those who feared that the House would no longer be the main arena of political fights — as the Coalition partners might prefer to settle their differences behind the scenes—have been proved wrong. The differences of opinion between Mapai and the General Zionists have neither disappeared nor are they being camouflaged: Members and Ministers alike voice their dissenting opinions freely. Many members of the House deplore this since they want the solid power of the Coalition behind the Government's policy in parliamentary debates. Others welcome the frank discussion and acclaim it as the heart and core of Parliamentary Government.

Development of Government

In the short debate on the Knesset's own budget, Mr. Bejerano (G.Z.) set the ball rolling by starting a discussion on the functions of the Knesset at a time when the Government has a large majority and is sure to carry through all its measures. It is a discussion which is likely to continue for a long time. The young Knesset has been quick in building up a tradition of style and procedure, but its ways are by no means settled, and a model is sought, by some in the United States, by others in Britain and by others still among the parliamentary systems of Continental Europe. It is a good sign that at a time when practical economic worries fill the minds of members as well as the agenda, the Knesset should have found a short hour to review, albeit briefly, its own proceedings and trends of development.

Once the seven-hour debate on the economic ministries started it was unavoidable that the House should be back in the midst of an economic debate. The material to be dealt with is almost inexhaustible. There is the problem of the organization within the various ministries and the inter-play between them. A host of economic problems must be reviewed in connection with the expenditure of individual departments.

As to organization and integration of the work of the economic ministries, the well-known complaints that the Treasury has too wide a range of discretion were raised once more. The first to touch on this point was the Minister of Commerce and Industry who in an outspoken statement furnished not only facts but gave his opinion on some vital points; he felt for instance that IL.2 to the dollar might be considered to be a realistic exchange rate. It remains to be seen whether the Finance Committee which will have to deal with the second reading of the expenditure budget will be able to tackle problems of organization among the ministries as well as purely fiscal questions.

It was, of course, unavoidable that the problem of unemployment should crop up in this sort of debate, although it is not directly connected with the expenditure of the economic ministries, particularly as the budget of the Ministry of Labour was not included owing to Mrs. Myerson's absence. It was significant that neither Mapam and the Communists on the one hand nor Herut on the other, who oppose the Unemployment Tax, attracted much attention. Instead, the struggle between Mapai and the General Zionists was taken up where it had been left off in the inter-Ministerial Committee.

P.M.'s Statement

WHEN Mr. Ben Gurion rises to speak in the Knesset, reporters sit up and take notice not only because he is the Prime Minister, but because he is almost sure to criticise the press in some way. This time, however, the Prime Minister poured ridicule upon the science called economics. One member later wondered what the economic planners of the Prime Minister's own office (soon to be augmented by a few famous economists from the United States) thought about it all.

Of greatest interest in Mr. Ben Gurion's approach was the lightness with which he brushed aside the economic issues involved in the handling of the unemployment problem in favour of the humanitarian approach. His statement that there are many in this country prepared to make sacrifices in order to keep others from going hungry was universally appreciated. On the other hand, his refusal to see the unemployment problem as one of the symptoms of the economic crisis only complicates the issue.

In his winding-up speech on the expenditure of the economic ministries, the Minister of Finance promised the House that he would table the Development Budget within a month and suggested that this would be a good opportunity for a thorough discussion of the employment position. Last week's discussion has shown that such a debate is urgently needed.

Aranne's Warning

The State Controller who was highly praised for his report when it was discussed in the House during the last session, was again complimented on his conscientious work by members of various parties when the budget for his office was discussed. Mr. Aranne (Mapai) however took this opportunity to warn the Controller "not to put himself into a position where his actions might be considered ungentlemanly." Mr. Aranne did not elaborate on his statement and it can only be conjectured that he wanted to warn the Controller not to deal with issues beyond his jurisdiction.

From the parliamentary point of view this attack on the Controller raises a peculiar problem. He is not in the position of judge since he is elected by the Knesset for a certain term only. But he is in a similar position since he cannot take the floor in the House to answer charges, a fact apparently not taken into account by Mr. Aranne. Neither the Speaker nor anyone else got up to ask Mr. Aranne to explain further or to defend the Controller. A small incident, but worth recording.

MUSICAL DIARY

IN contrast to Kol Yisrael's highly enjoyable concert performance of excerpts from Verdi's 'Aida', the performance of the first act of Mozart's 'Cosi Fan Tutte' in last Tuesday's concert conducted by George Singer was disappointing.

Mr. Singer is anything but a Mozart interpreter. His approach from first to last was highly dramatic and the orchestra was far too boisterous. Listening to the same vocal ensemble last year (the Israel Conservatoire of Music's operatic class trained by Mrs. E. Boreschek accompanied on that occasion only at the piano) the impression was very favourable. But as unfortunately happens only too often, the present musical offering was premature.

Mozart's delicate vocal style requires great musical culture, not only from the technical point of view. The only soloist who exhibited some lightness of touch, humour and a pleasant timbre was Lili Schechter, soprano, as Despina while her colleague Sana Lipitz as Dorabella has potentialities but lacks discernment of feeling. The male singers were disappointing especially the bass-baritone E. Davrat who was slightly hoarse in the baritone part of Don Alfonso.

Perhaps the performers could dress more suitably on another occasion, and allow the ladies to leave the stage first. Moreover at every one of these concerts there is uproarious applause after every item on the programme from the young (often freely smoking) audience. The atmosphere produced, particularly as the microphones are not switched off, is distinctly provincial.

Exciting Debut

Erich Leinsdorf's Jerusalem debut as guest conductor of the I.P.O.'s Subscription Concert No. 9 at the Edison on Thursday was an exciting event. A Schumann symphony is always an occasion in itself, particularly the unconventional "Rhenish" which opened the programme. Mr. Leinsdorf handled the responsible job of dealing with a revised score with much sense of style. His conducting was tight in structure — an essential in order to stress the complicated caesura of Schumann's predominantly lyrical romanticism; the solemn Cologne Cathedral movement made a powerful climax.

LEINSDORF

When the young composer Robert Starer was awarded the first prize in the P.B.S. composition for his Divertimento in 1947, he was an orthodox dodecaphonist. Now that he has studied under Aaron Copland in the U.S. his conception of music has widened, as shown in the world premiere of his second symphony in one movement. The opening trumpet sequence is obviously a tribute to his teacher, but the concentration of development is unmistakably moulded upon the pattern of Hindemith and his rhythms bear an affinity to Stravinsky. The work shows great promise and the reading was captivating.

The excerpts from Prokofieff's Romeo and Juliet ballets are a true adaptation of early Renaissance style. Mr. Leinsdorf's interpretation was delightful in its lightness; the orchestra was in top form throughout a remarkably unconventional and well chosen programme.

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SCHUBERT'S "great" C-Major symphony and Rachmaninoff's third concerto were the main items on the programme of the I.P.O.'s seventh "special" subscription concert (at the Tel Aviv Ohel Shem Hall on Tuesday). A "Suite on American Holidays" by Lee Hoiby, originally scheduled for these concerts, fell victim to the usual negligent handling of modern music destined for the I.P.O. on the part of postal clerks here and abroad.

The inventiveness and far-flung fluency of Schubert's Symphony, the aesthetically perplexing effects which he — so to speak — conceived with creative innocence were elaborated with much versatility by the conductor, Erich Leinsdorf. The orchestra again played excellently although the conductor should have toned down the sonority of the brass.

William Kapell

The sensation of the evening was the pianist, William Kapell who performed Rachmaninoff's most interesting piano concerto with such inspired and noble sentiment and almost miraculous technical skill that the work gained immensely while, on the other hand, the audience was lost in astonishment throughout the eccentric three movements. From the opening theme, sung by the piano against the original rhythmical accompaniment of the strings (the most valuable statement of the whole work) the artistry of Kapell became evident. He displayed an almost restrained naturalness on the one hand and imposing self assurance on the other. Played in this way, eccentricity took the form of a work of art.

Owing to a change in the time schedule of the concerts which Heinz Freudenthal is to conduct for the I.P.O., Claudio Arrau will now be the soloist, not Lola Granetman as reported on Wednesday.

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CAPTIVE IN KOREA (VI)

DEATH ON THE MARCH

By PHILIP DEANE

AFTER rejoining the other internees, we went on to Manpo. We spent the night of October 30 in the open, warming ourselves by a straw fire. A Korean officer came and kicked it out. The babies wept the rest of the night because of the cold.

George Blake, the British Vice-Consul, made an attempt to escape that night. After an exhausting march over steep hills, he had the bad luck to fall into the hands of Korean prison guards who brought him back to us the next day.

The quarter-master captain said he felt ashamed that people like us were going to be treated the way we were going to be treated. He would not say any more — just goodbye. The next morning we understand what the quarter-master captain had meant. A group of prison warders came up to us, headed by a major, who said he was in charge. This was our first glimpse of the man we later came to call "The Tiger".

We marched nearly throughout the night, passing the town of Manpo and taking the road to Kangal. We stopped in an open field to sleep. It was freezing hard. The mother superior of the Carmelites was having a haemorrhage. The babies were weeping. Yet we slept because we were exhausted. In the morning our beards were white, with our frozen breaths. In a pile, some distance away, were the naked bodies of the GIs who had frozen to death during the night. The march continued during the day after a meal of boiled corn. The 82-year-old French missionary was being carried by Monseigneur Thomas Quinlan, Miss Nellie Dyer, an American methodist missionary, was carrying Sister Mary Clare, the Anglican nun, in her arms. Father Hunt, suffering from gout, was being dragged along by his companions. Commissioner Herbert Lord of the Salvation Army, the column's official interpreter, had tied a rope around the waist of Madame Funderat—a 75-year-old White Russian—and was pulling her along. Two White Russian women walked with crying, cold, hungry babies on their back, holding their other young children by the hand. The children who were not being carried had to trot because the pace was too quick for their gait. Two Carmelites were coughing up blood. They were shod in rough wooden sandals they had made themselves.

Ahead, the GIs, in a long, straggly column, still in summer fatigues a large proportion with no shoes, marched in a column of threes; soon many were being carried. Frequently the exhausted carriers would drop their charges and we would pass creatures hard to recognize as human prostrate on the road. During the morning of November 1, too many dropped out. The Tiger called the American platoon commanders together. Speaking through Commissioner

Commissioner Herbert Lord of the Salvation Army, followed by Mr. George Blake, British Vice-Consul at Seoul (see below) smile excitedly as they see relatives waiting to greet them on their arrival at Abindon, England. Express Photo

Lord he said: "No one must drop out. I order you not to allow anyone to drop out."

The march was resumed. Before noon men had dropped out of every platoon. The Tiger stopped the column and called the platoon leaders together. A crowd of North Korean soldiers gathered. Speaking through Commissioner Lord he said:

"You have disobeyed my orders. I have authority to punish you." He pulled down his epaulette. "I am a major of the People's Army. I will now shoot you all."

Commissioner Lord, in the Korean he speaks so flawlessly, started pleading for the lives of those young Americans. The Tiger pulled his pistol and put it to the head of Commissioner Lord. "You," he said, "are only an interpreter. If you do not stop talking I will shoot you." The Commissioner did not stop talking. I do not know what he told the major, but the latter did not shoot: instead he asked for the officer from whose platoon the greatest number had dropped out. Lieutenant Cordus H. Thornton took three steps forward.

"Why did you let those five men drop out?" asked the Tiger.

"Because, sir, they were dying."

"Why did you not obey my orders and have them carried?"

"Because, sir, that meant condemning the carriers to death from exhaustion."

"You did know I had ordered no one should drop out?"

"Yes, sir," Lieutenant Thornton's answer rang out clearly.

"In wartime the penalty for disobedience is death. You disobeyed orders. I will kill you. That is what would happen in the American army also, is it not?"

"In the American army, sir," and the voice of Lieutenant Thornton never faltered, "there would be a trial."

The Tiger turned to the assembled Korean soldiers. He pulled down one of his epaulettes. "I am a major of the People's Army," he said. "I have authority to kill him. He has disobeyed orders. What must I do?"

"Kill him," screamed the soldiers. "Kill them all."

"You see," said the major to Lieutenant Thornton, "you have had your trial, a People's trial, people's justice, now I will kill you."

"In Texas," said Thornton, a tone of contempt in his voice, "we call that lynching, not justice."

Commissioner Lord, who had gone through three-and-a-half years of imprisonment in the Japanese prison camps, who had selflessly wasted his strength to pull other people along, with tears running down his cheeks, fell on his knees before the Tiger, begging for Thorton's life. The Tiger put his pistol on the Commissioner's head. "I will shoot," he said, "if you do not stop talking. You are only the interpreter."

"Commissioner," said Thornton, "there's no sense in two of us dying. The others need you."

Someone pulled the Commissioner away.

"Tell him," said the Tiger, pointing to Thornton, "he must turn about."

Lieutenant Cordus H. Thornton was on parade. His shoulders squared, head up, chin in, arms firmly at his sides, he turned about like one does during a drill. His eyes did not flicker. The Tiger took a handkerchief and bound Lieutenant Thornton's eyes. Then with his pistol, he shot him in the back of the neck. A tall, blond sergeant, jumped forward and caught his officer's body before it touched the ground. Tenderly, as if carrying a child, the sergeant took the lieutenant's body to the ditch.

We marched on.

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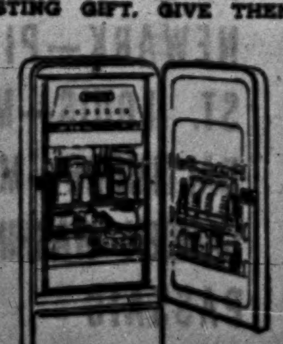

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